

# BASIC STEPS FOR FILING A DIVORCE/LEGAL SEPARATION

All documents can be found at [www.wicourts.gov](http://www.wicourts.gov).  
Choose *Services*, then *Self-Help Law Center*, then *Divorce & Family Law*.

*You and your spouse  
will file together.*

How will you file?

*You or your spouse  
will be filing alone.*

Are you filing with  
children?

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children?

**YES**

Complete:

- Joint Petition with Minor Children (FA-4110V)
- Confidential Petition Addendum (GF-179)

**NO**

Complete:

- Joint Petition without Minor Children (FA-4111V)
- Confidential Petition Addendum (GF-179)

**YES**

Complete:

- Summons with Minor Children (FA-4104V)
- Petition with Minor Children (FA-4108V)
- Confidential Petition Addendum (GF-179)

**NO**

Complete:

- Summons without Minor Children (FA-4105V)
- Petition without Minor Children (FA-4109V)
- Confidential Petition Addendum (GF-179)

***YES.** You and your spouse  
are in agreement and  
will file together.*

Do you need a  
temporary order?

***YES.** You or your spouse  
are not in agreement and would  
like to request a hearing*

Are you filing with  
children?

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children?

**NO.** I do not need to do anything.

**YES**

Complete:

- Stipulation for Temporary Order with Minor Children (FA-4126VA)
- Temporary Order with Minor Children (FA-4126VB)

**NO**

Complete:

- Stipulation for Temporary Order without Minor Children (FA-4127VA)
- Temporary Order without Minor Children (FA-4127VB)

**YES**

Complete:

- Affidavit to Show Case & Request or Hearing for Temporary Order with Minor Children (FA-4128VA)
- Order to Show Cause with Minor Children (FA-4128VB)

**NO**

Complete:

- Affidavit to Show Case & Request or Hearing for Temporary Order without Minor Children (FA-4129VA)
- Order to Show Cause without Minor Children (FA-4129VB)

File completed documents with the Clerk of Court.

Pay filing fee of \$184.50 without children or \$194.50 with children/maintenance.